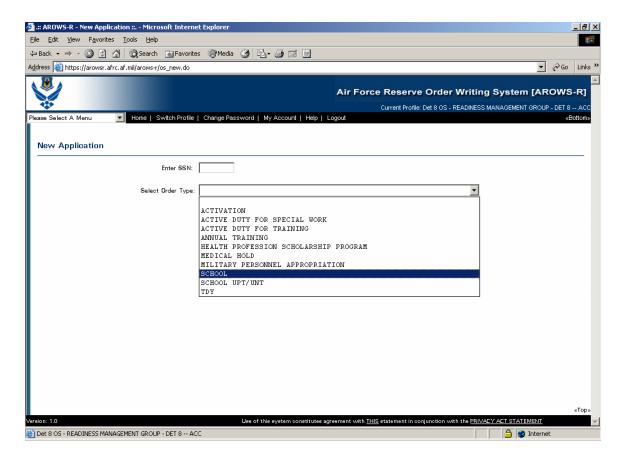


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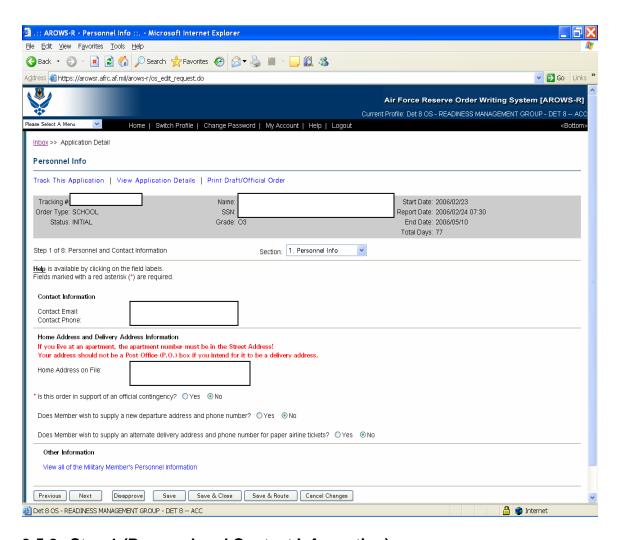
## 3.5 School (RPA)



#### 3.5.1 Formal School Application Process:

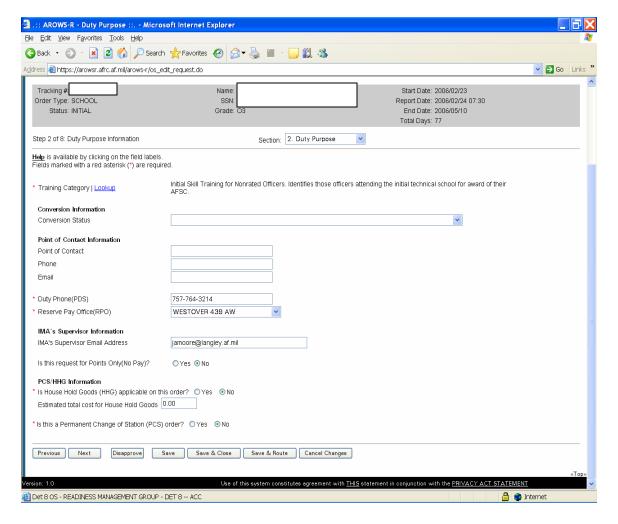
The AROWS-R system does not allow for an overlap of dates when the IMA cannot select a specific class they would like to attend, for this reason, ARPC has developed an application form on their web site under <a href="https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/training/formal\_school\_request.asp">https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/training/formal\_school\_request.asp</a> this link allows the IMA complete the request which is forwarded to the Det program manager. Once approved to attend the course a TLN LN is updated in the IMA's MilPDS record. This information is uploaded from MilPDS as a refresh to the AROWS-R system (twice weekly). Once the IMA enters their request for the school with the proper dates, the TLN LN information is populated from the MilPDS refresh.

In order to select formal schools, the IMA selects **School** as the tour type, and the Training Category Code based on the type of training they will be attending. (Identified in Attachment 2 of AFMAN 36-8001).



#### 3.5.2 Step 1 (Personal and Contact Information):

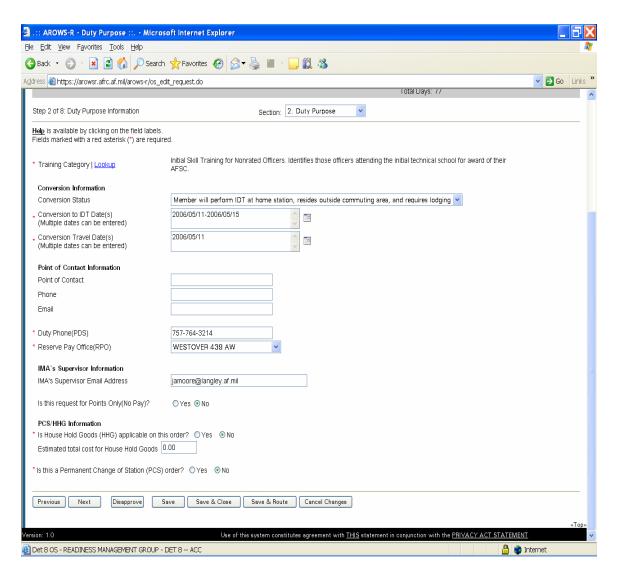
Verify data in Home Address on File and answer the questions on the page. If the address listed is different than that listed in MilPDS, in addition to providing a different address, you will need to update your vMPF record to reflect the appropriate change. If the answer to the official contingency question is "Yes", then you cannot provide a new departure address and phone number. vMPF will need to be updated prior to AROWS-R request.



#### 3.5.3 Step 2 (Duty Purpose Information (Conversion Information)):

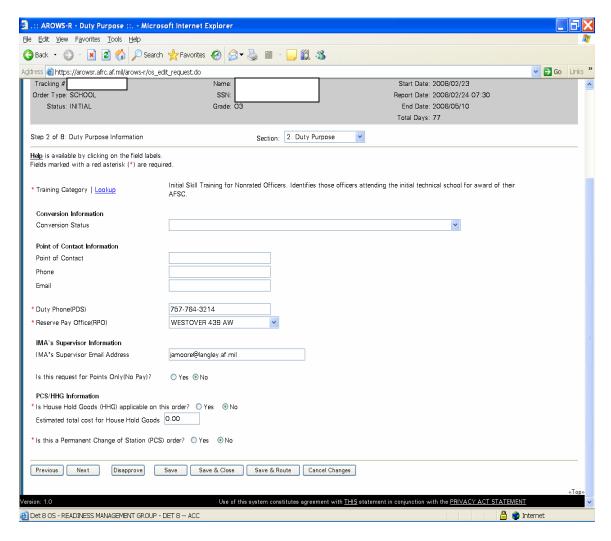
Complete page as required. AROWS-R will not let you select next or go to the next step without completing these items.

- If performing IDTs in conjuction with tour or converting to another duty status, must complete "Conversion Status" block
- Select one of five options
- Individual will convert status in conjunction with this tour.
- Individual will convert from one duty status to another while in place.
- Member will perform IDT before this tour (Away from Home Station).
- Member will perform IDT after this tour (Away from Home Station).
- Member will perform IDT at home station, resides outside commuting area and requires lodging.
- Complete "Conversion to IDT Date(s)" by either inputting date or dates manually or clicking on Pop-Up calendar located to the right of the block
- Complete "Conversion Travel Date(s)" by either inputting date or dates manually or clicking on Pop-Up calendar located to the right of the block



#### 3.5.3.1 Conversion Status (IDTs in Conjunction with Tour)

This is an example of Conversion Information screen after data has been input. In this example the member is performing IDTs at their home station but resides outside the commuting area (as defined by the installation commander) and requires lodging.

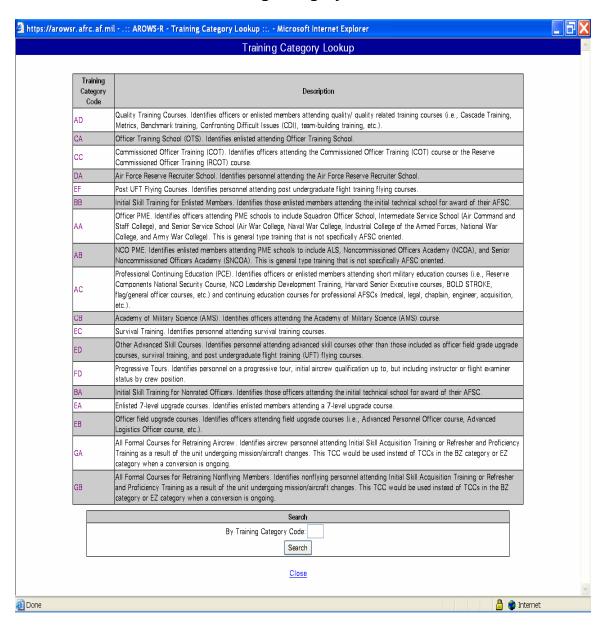


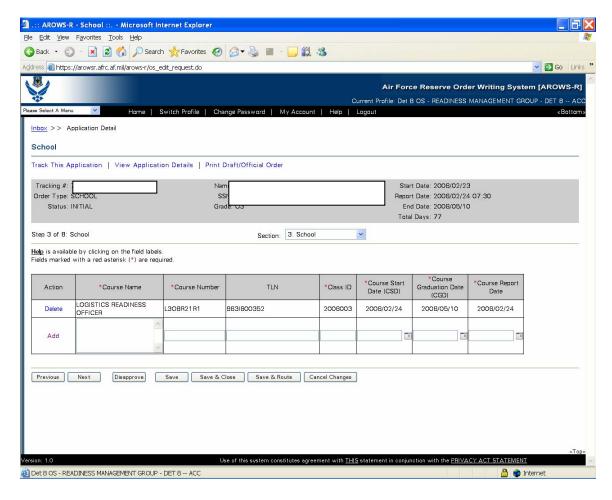
#### 3.5.3.2 Step 2 (Duty Purpose Information)

- Click on the "Lookup" link to select the appropriate Training Category (See next page for selection options)
- Select the appropriate Training Category Code by clicking on Code Link (i.e. EA (Enlisted 7-level...))
- Complete Point of Contact Information blocks with your active duty supervisor's information
- Duty Phone (PDS) block is DSN number for active duty supervisor
- Complete Reserve Pay Office block by accessing drop down menu and selecting your reserve pay office
- Answer remaining two questions House Hold Goods and PCS Order questions normally should be "No"
- Select the "SAVE" button
- After saving, select "NEXT" button

**NOTE:** If your School tour lasts longer than 20 weeks, this requires a PCS; please contact your School coordinator within program manger's staff.

#### 3.5.3.2.1 School RPA Training Category Codes Sub-Menu





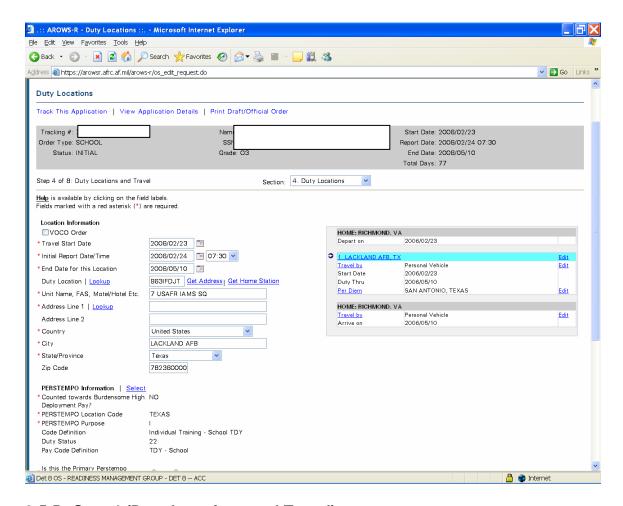
### 3.5.4 Step 3 (School Tour)

Using the Training RIP type the following information into the appropriate fields:

- Course Name
- Course Number
- TLN
- Course ID
- Course Start Date
- Course Graduation Date
- Course Report Date

Click the "Add" hyperlink to accept the data into the appropriate field

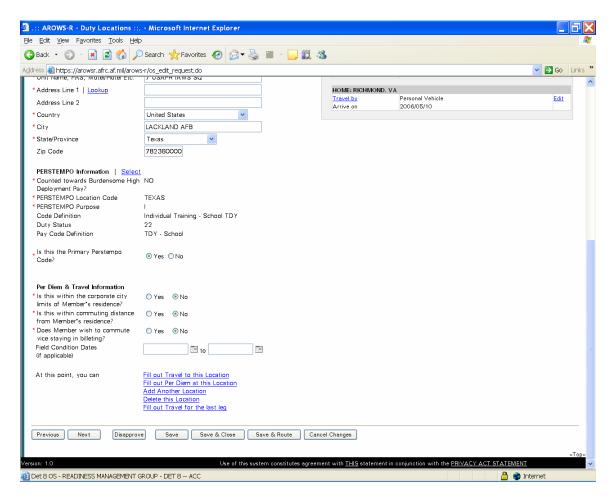
**NOTE:** If all fields are not completed to match the Training RIP, the order cannot be processed. Also, if the member has not followed the formal school request process (as defined in Para 3.5.1) the request will be disapproved.



#### 3.5.5 Step 4 (Duty Locations and Travel):

Complete page Duty Location as follows.

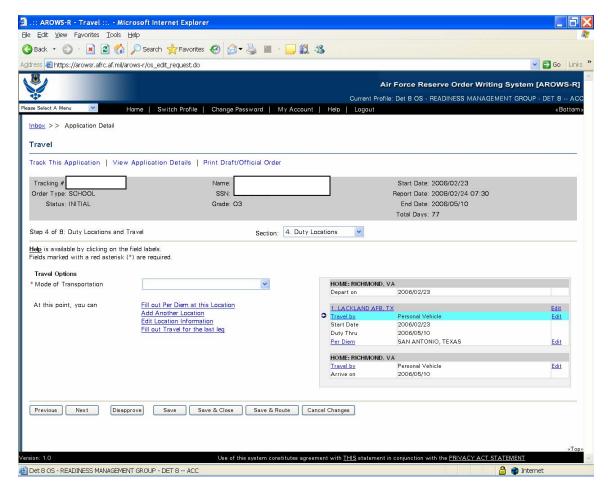
- If order is a VOCO, check "VOCO Order". VOCO means start dates has already passed. If order is VOCO, you must provide justification in a later step.
- Complete Travel Start Date block either by typing date (YYYY/MM/DD format) or using pop-up calendar located to the right of the block. If outside duty location's commuting area, then Travel Start Date is day prior to Initial Report Date.
- Complete Initial Report Date either by typing date (YYYY/MM/DD format) or using pop-up calendar located to the right of the block.
- Complete End Date for this Location either by typing date (YYYY/MM/DD format) or using calendar located to the right of the block.
- Complete Duty Location If reporting to unit of assignment, then click on "Get Home Station" and fields will automatically populate. If reporting to a location other than unit of assignment and you know the unit's PASCODE, click on "Lookup" and select the PASCODE you are going to. If you do not know the PASCODE, you must enter all the data manually.



# 3.5.5.1 Step 4 (Duty Locations and Travel (PersTempo and Travel & Per Diem))

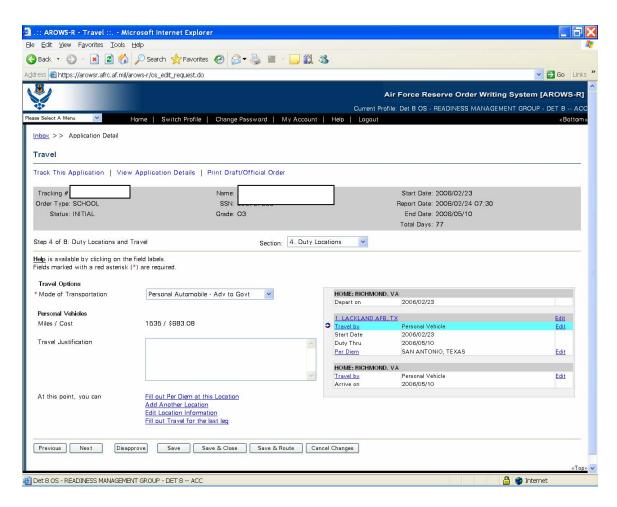
Answer PersTempo and Per Diem & Travel Information Questions

- The questions under PersTempo Information are not required to be answered by the IMA (School Tours only use one PersTempo Code: 22).
- Answer "Yes" or "No" to "within corporate limits question." Corporate limits usually means you live on the base you are assigned to.
- Answer "Yes" or "No" to "within commuting distance question." Each base has an established commuting area, normally 50 mile radius. This means you live within that commuting area. Billeting is authorized if outside commuting area. If uncertain, contact RPO or your active duty base finance office
- Answer "Yes" or "No" to "commute vice staying in billeting question." If answer is "Yes" then you are electing to return to your residence each night and not stay in lodging.
- Field Conditions blocks are normally left blank.
- Select "Fill out Travel to this Location"



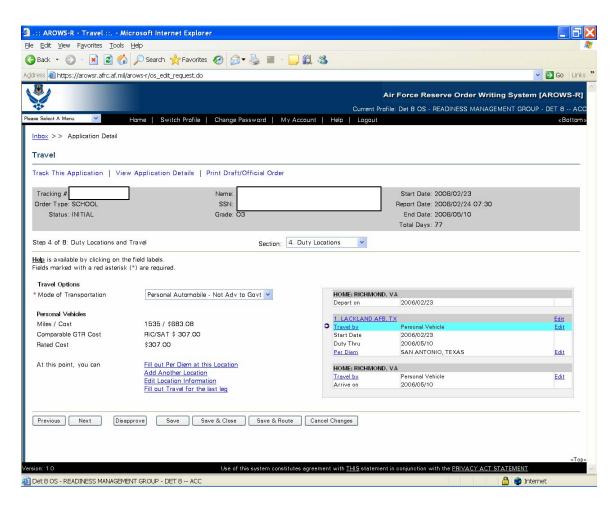
## 3.5.5.2 Step 4 (Duty Locations and Travel (Travel Options)) Complete Travel Options

- Select mode of travel to duty location by clicking on drop down menu.
- The most commonly used modes are: "Commercial Airline", "Private Automobile Adv to Govt", and "Personal Automobile Not Adv to Govt".
- If traveling by POV and it is more cost effective to drive to duty location, select "Private Automobile – Adv to Govt". You will need to provide justification for this mode of travel.
- If traveling by POV and it is not more cost effective to drive to duty location, then select "Private Automobile – Not Adv to Govt". You will only be paid the amount authorized for an airline ticket.
- If traveling by commercial airline, you will be prompted for departure and arrival airports.
- If you are not commuting to duty location, select "Fill out Per Diem to this Location" after you have completed Mode of Transportation



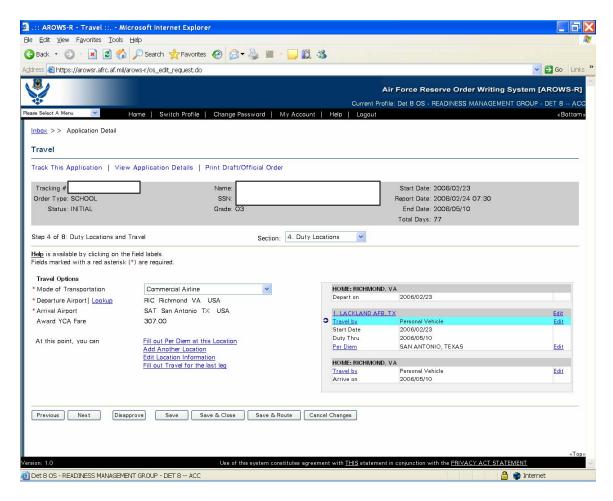
## 3.5.5.2.1 POV Example (Advantageous to Government)

Example of traveling by personal automobile - more advantageous to the government.



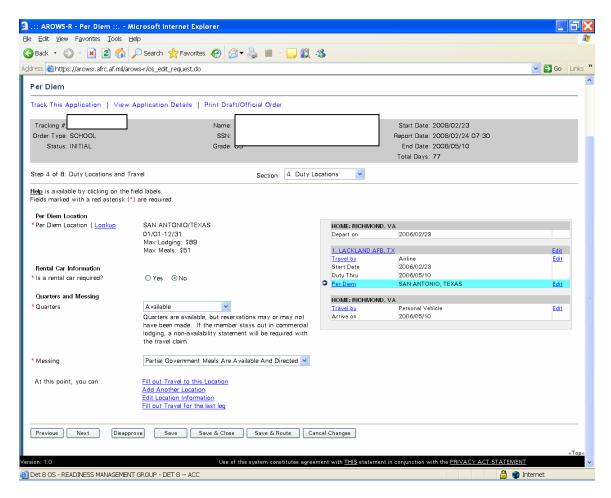
## 3.5.5.2.2 POV Example (Not Advantageous to Government)

Example of traveling by personal automobile - not more advantageous to the government.



## 3.5.5.2.3 Commercial Air Example

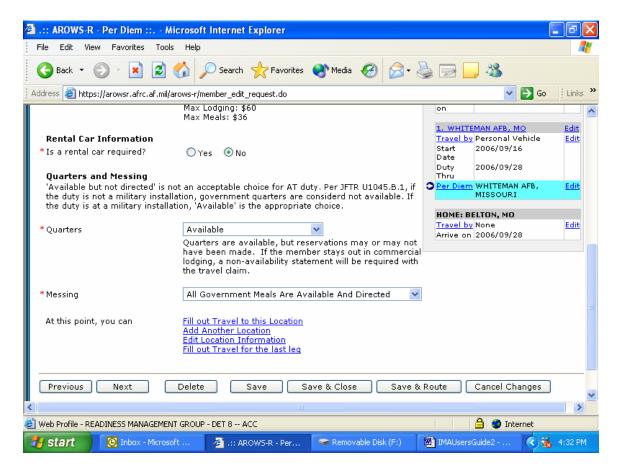
Example of traveling by commercial airline.



### 3.5.5.3 Step 4 (Duty Locations and Travel Per Diem Information))

Complete Per Diem Location and Rental Car Information

- Click on "Lookup" located to the right of Per Diem Location
- You will be prompted to select the state of your duty location drop down menu lists states alphabetically. Select the state.
- You will then be prompted to select the Locality City/County drop down menu contains alphabetical list. Select the base or city.
- Click on "Select" then information is populated in Per Diem Location

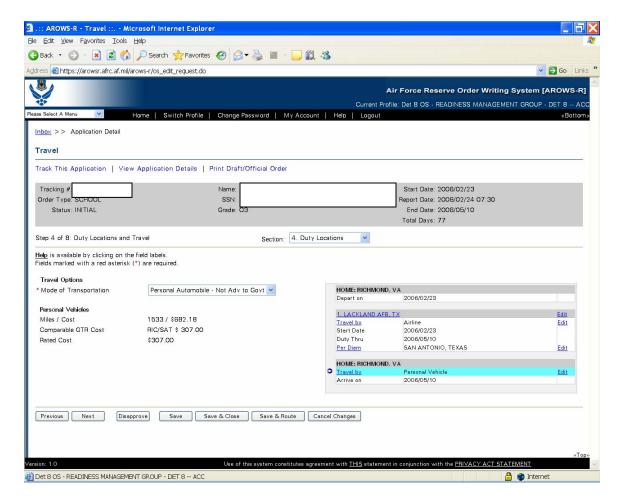


## 3.5.5.4 Step 4 (Duty Locations and Travel (Quarters and Messing)) Complete Quarters and Messing Information

- Select "Available" in the Quarters block. Government quarters should always be "available" unless your duty location does not have a base lodging facility. If you billeted off base, you must obtain a non-availability letter from the base lodging office in order to be reimbursed.
- Select appropriate Messing Statement.
  - If billeted on base and dining facility is available, select "All Government Meals are Available and Directed".
  - If billeted off base, select "Partial Meals are Available and Directed".
  - If duty location does not have a government dining facility, select "Government Meals not Available or Directed".
- Select "Fill out Travel for the last leg".

#### 3.5.5.4.1 Rental Car Information

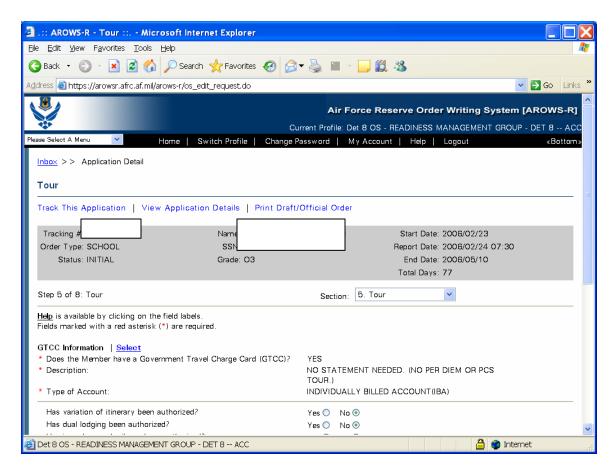
AROWS-R does not require a justification for a rental car if selecting a "Compact" car. However, per AFI 65-109, you must complete a Rental Car Justification (See Attachment 1 of the main AROWS-R IMA Users Guide) to provide a cost analysis against other forms of transportation and to confirm the mission need of the rental car.



## 3.5.5.5 Step 4 (Duty Locations and Travel (Return to HOR)) Complete Return Travel Options

- Select mode of travel for return to residence, by clicking on drop down menu.
- The most commonly used modes are: "Commercial Airline", "Private Automobile Adv to Govt", and "Personal Automobile Not Adv to Govt".
- If traveling by POV and it is more cost effective to drive to duty location, select "Private Automobile Adv to Govt". You will need to provide justification for this mode of travel.
- If traveling by POV and it is not more cost effective to drive to duty location, then select "Private Automobile – Not Adv to Govt". You will only be paid the amount authorized for an airline ticket.
- If traveling by commercial airline, you will be prompted for departure and arrival airports.
- Click on "Next" button.

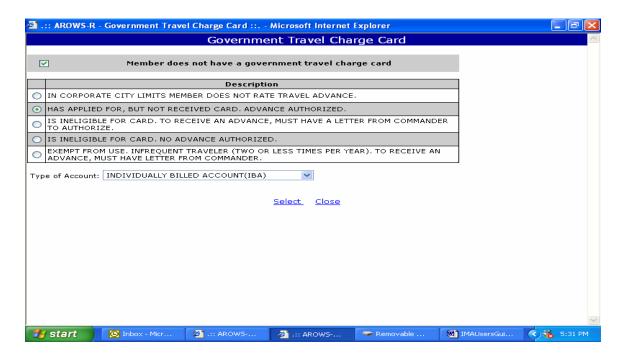
Verify availability for Lodging and check Per Diem Rates at: <a href="https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/">https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/</a>



#### 3.5.6 Step 5 (Tour)

Complete GTCC (Government Travel Charge Card) Information

- Click on "Select" option to the right of GTCC Information
- A sub menu for GTCC date will appear.



## 3.5.6.1 Step 5 (Tour (Member <u>Does Not</u> Have A GTCC))

Complete GTCC (Government Travel Charge Card) Information

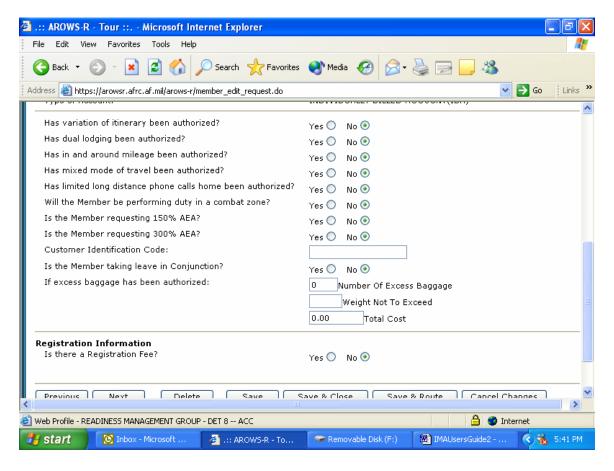
- AROWS-R assumes you do not have a GTCC. If this is correct, you must indicate reason from Description.
- Another drop down menu will appear to indicate What Type of Account automatically is Individually Billed Account
- Click on "Select".
- You will be brought back to the Complete GTCC Information page.



## 3.5.6.2 Step 5 (Tour (Member <u>Does</u> Have A GTCC))

Complete GTCC (Government Travel Charge Card) Information Continued

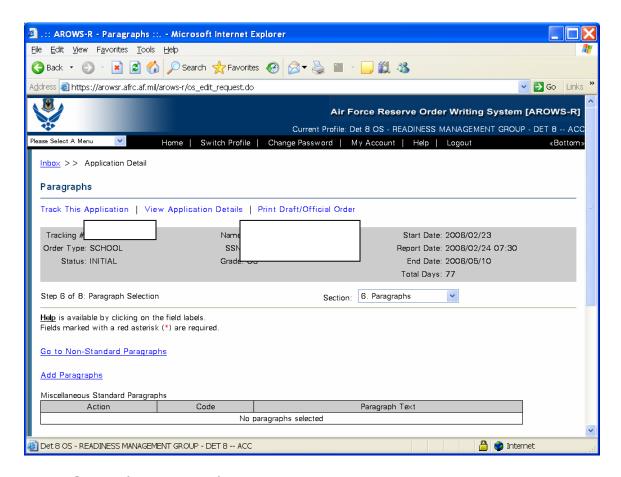
- If you have a GTCC, uncheck the "Member does not have a government travel card" statement and indicate the appropriate Description option.
  - If residence is within commuting distance, select "No Statement Needed (No Per Diem or PCS Tour)".
  - If residence is within corporate limits, select "In Corporate City Limits Member Does Not Rate Travel Advance".
  - If residence is outside commuting distance, normally select "No Advance Authorized".
- Another drop down menu will appear to indicate What Type of Account automatically is Individually Billed Account
- Click on "Select"



#### 3.5.6.3 Step 5 (Tour (Special Authorizations))

- Questions automatically indicated as "No". You only need to change to "Yes" if applicable to tour.
- CIC Code is required for overseas travel. Enter "00000000". Orders specialist will input correct data.
- Click on "Next" button.

REMEMBER: PERIODICALLY SAVE YOUR DATA BY CLICKING THE SAVE BUTTON AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREENS.



#### 3.5.7 Step 6 (Paragraphs)

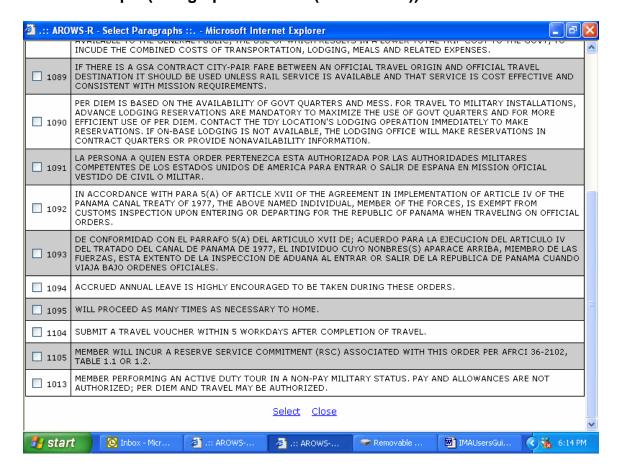
Identify the appropriate paragraphs that apply to this tour.

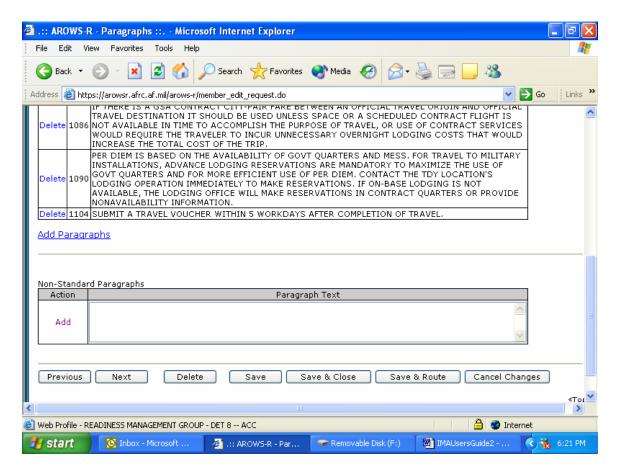
- Select first "Add Paragraphs" link
- A submenu will appear for you to select applicable paragraphs.
- If mode of transportation is "commercial air", select paragraph numbered 1086.
- If outside commuting area, select paragraphs numbered "1090" and "1104".
- Other paragraphs depend upon the duty location, length of tour, and type of tour.
- After indicating applicable paragraphs, click on "Select" at bottom of submenu.
- You will be brought back to the Paragraphs page.

#### 3.5.7.1 Step 6 (Paragraph Submenu (Top Half))



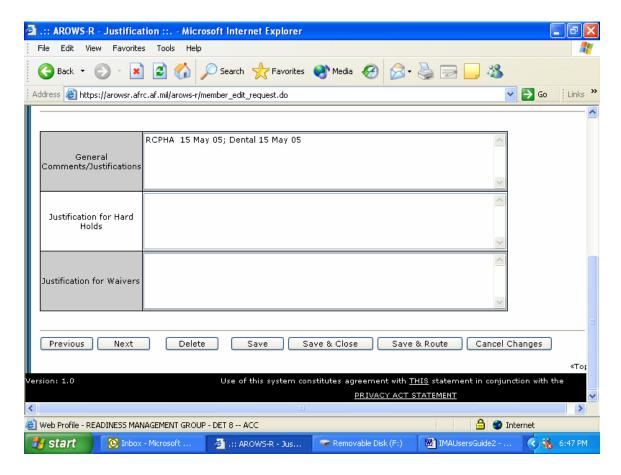
### 3.5.7.2 Step 6 (Paragraph Submenu (Bottom-half))





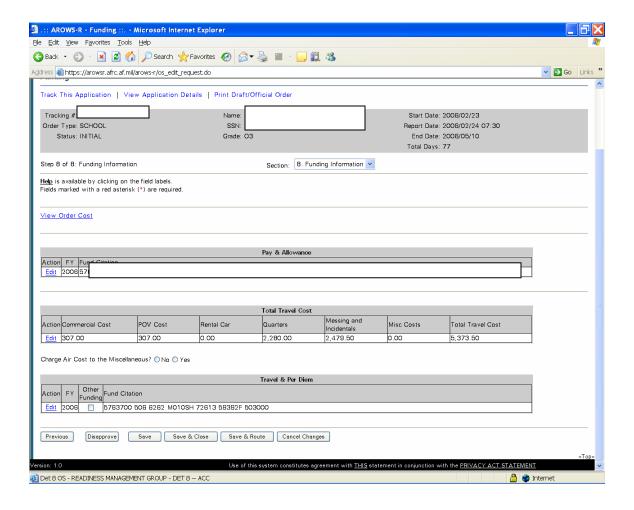
### 3.5.7.3 Step 6 (Paragraphs (Completed)).

- If there are "Non-Standard Paragraphs", click "Next" to continue to Step 6, Justification.
- If there are "Non-Standard Paragraphs", you will have to manually type in the data.
- Add any specific reporting instruction from the Training RIP in the Non-Standard Paragraphs



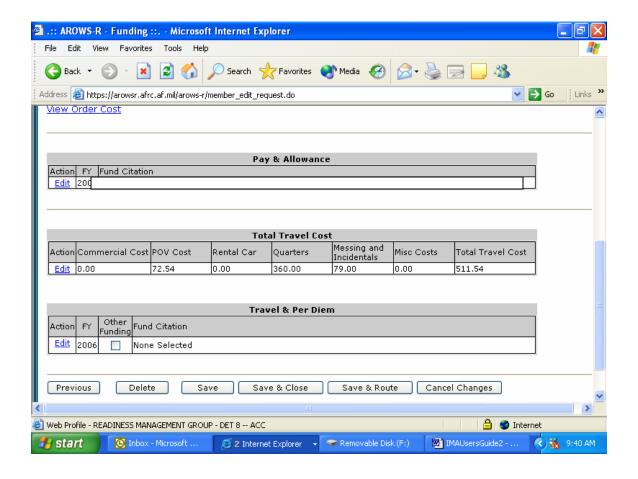
## 3.5.8 Step 7 (Justification)

- Indicate last RCPHA and Dental Date
- Mandatory comments also required if Hard Hold condition is identified, VOCO order, or "Yes" answered to any question in Tour (dual lodging, phone calls, etc)
- Select "Next" at bottom of screen to proceed to Step 7, Funding Information



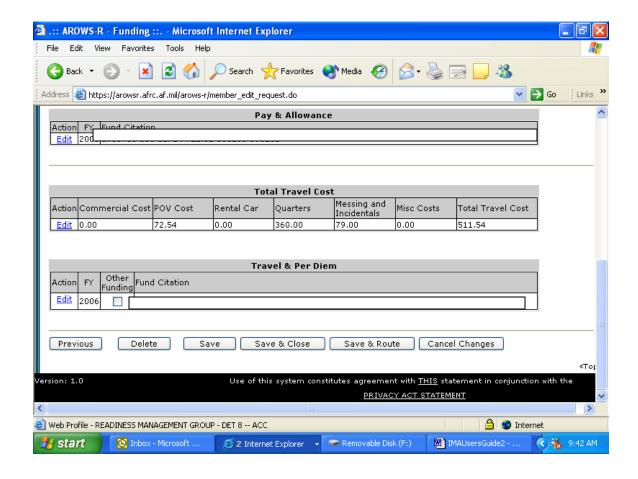
## 3.5.9 Step 8 (Funding Information (Pay & Allowances))

- Click on "Edit" under Action column of Pay & Allowances
- Appropriation Lookup submenu will appear
- Select appropriate fund cite based upon Funding Description
  - If wrong fund cite is selected, Orders Specialist will correct
- Fund cite will populate in Pay & Allowances and return you to Funding Information screen



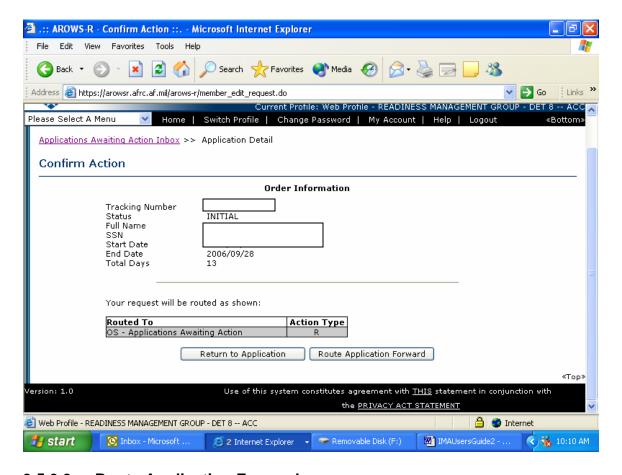
#### 3.5.9.1 Step 8 (Funding Information (Travel & Per Diem))

- Click on "Edit" under Action column of Travel & Per Diem
- Appropriation Lookup submenu will appear
- Select appropriate fund cite based upon Funding Description
  - If wrong fund cite is selected, Orders Specialist will correct
- Fund cite will populate in Travel & Per Diem and return you to Funding Information screen



#### 3.5.9.2 Save & Route Orders

- You have now completed an Annual Tour orders request and must route request forward
- Select "Save & Route" and follow screen instructions on next page
- If any there is any missing data, you will receive a warning message detailing what to correct. Once corrected, you can "Save & Route". If you cannot correct an error message, contact the Help Desk (phone numbers provided in the Contacts Section).
- If you select "Save & Close", your orders request will not be forwarded for approval



#### 3.5.9.3 Route Application Forward

- After selecting "Save & Route" this is the next screen you will see
- Select "Route Application Forward" which will route your request If you select "Return to Application" your orders will not be forwarded and no action will be taken on your request. Request will remain in your "Orders Awaiting Action" box until you select "Route Application Forward".